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1. A border guard (PS) battalion with headquarters at Prasilly (Stubenbach - N50/Q17) has the following companies subordinated to it:

PS Company, Hqs Prasilly  
PS Company, Hqs Pleso (N50/Q07)  
PS Company, Hqs Polednik I (N50/Q16), bench mark 1314  
PS Company, Hqs Polednik II  
PS Company, Hqs Javori Pila (N50/Q16), bench mark 1030  
PS Company, Hqs, bench mark 1073\*

The strength of the Prasilly headquarters is 90 men including officers. Officer personnel include:

Battalion Commander	1st Lt Ludvik Selement, age 32
Deputy Commander	Lt Frantisek Kocica, age 27
Political Officer	2nd Lt Hanak, age 25
Assistant Political Officer	2nd Lt Cernik
OZ (Counter Intelligence) Officer	WO Miroslav Obst, age 25
Other Officers	2nd Lt Modry
	WO Stanislav Petrak
	WO Jaroslav Frydl
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2. Motor vehicles belonging to battalion headquarters include two RND trucks, one Aero truck, one Ford truck, one Jeep, five Tudor cars and six Jawa 250 ccm motorcycles.
3. Effective 1 January 1952, all state forests will be under the administration of Cepicka and Vodicka. State forests in border areas will be known as military forests. In the area around Susice, the military forests extend from Dobra Voda (Gutwasser - N50/Q17) to Karlov (N50/Q17), Radkov (Rathgeber - N50/Q08) to Keply (Koppeln N50/Q08) and Zejbis (N50/Q08).
4. All foresters in the border zone will be given the rank of starsina (sic), and will be authorized to carry pistols. However, they will be forbidden to enter the 1-2 km wide prohibited zone along the border unless accompanied by a PS member. Anyone seen loitering in the restricted zone without an accompanying PS member will be fired upon without warning.
5. On 1 January 1952 work in the forest area along the border was begun. For a width of 20 m from the border, trees have been cut down and clearings up to 500 m in width are to be made. Spots which cannot be easily cleared, or which afford poor visibility, are being mined. Engineer platoons are doing the work.

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Comment: According to [REDACTED] a company of the Prasilly battalion is located in Gsenget near Horni Steindlberk (N50/Q17) and another company is in Hurka (N50/Q07). Pleso is not listed in the earlier report. Bench mark 1073 is located about 1.8 km southeast of Weitfellersk Slat (N50/Q16) and about 4.2 km west-southwest of Modrava.

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